

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 25, 2007

Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 10,2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	September 20, 2007
Subject:	Ratification of Amended Scope for Emergency Declaration on Empire Digester Repairs
District(s), Member(s):	16 – Brian McDaniel
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 – Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	William G. Moore, 651-602-1162
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Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council ratify the amended scope for emergency declaration on Empire Digester Repairs.

Issue(s)

- Related process problems increased the scope of work on emergency repairs.

Overview and Funding

An emergency was declared for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant digester system in December 2006. A biological upset to the anaerobic system followed by failure of the pressure relief system caused structural damage to a primary digester cover. The estimate for engineering and construction to repair and stabilize the system was \$500,000. During the course of the recovery and repair process, additional structural damage occurred to a second digester cover. Repair of the second cover was added to the emergency contractor's scope of work. The repair for both covers has been completed, with the total cost being approximately \$710,000.